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The petition filed _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

Director,
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The amendment filed February 22, 1999 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- entered.
 entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
 disapproved. See explanation below.
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The application issued as Patent No. 5,902,821 on May 11, 1999. The Amendment reached the Examiner June 7, 2000.

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